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SUBJECT: ALLIED POLICIES ON VISITS TO BALTIC STATES

REFS: (A) USNATO 1153, (B) USNATO 1060

1. FOLLOWING US PERMREPS' DISCUSSION (REFTELS) OF
ALLIED POLICIES ON OFFICIAL VISITS AND TRAVEL TO
BALTIC STATES, FRENCH POLAD HAS SUGGESTED THAT DELEGATIONS
PROVIDE IN POLADS STATEMENT OF THEIR AUTHORITIES'
CURRENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES ON TRAVEL TO BALTIC
STATES. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST OF SOME POLADS THE
INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS INDICATED IT WOULD PREPARE
A LISTING OF ALLIED POLICIES TO FACILITATE REPORTING,
WHEN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE RECEIVED.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: TO RESPOND TO FRENCH INTEREST
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WE WOULD APPRECIATE A STATEMENT ON US POLICY THAT WE
COULD PROVIDE TO POLADS. WE DO NOT SHARE CONCERN OF
AMBASSADOR SVART (DENMARK) (REF B) THAT A LEAK COULD
LEAD TO FALSE IMPRESSION THAT NATO RECOGNIZES INCORP-
ORATION OF BALTIC STATES. ISSUE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED
IN POLADS ON TWO OCCASIONS IN RECENT YEARS IN CONNECTION
WITH QUESTION OF SHIP VISITS TO BALTIC STATES.

DANISH POLAD HAS NOT OBJECTED TO POLADS DISCUSSION.
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